



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Cactus Restoration
LOCATION: Crystal Cove State Park

COUNTY: Orange

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project aims to enhance habitat for native species, including the Coastal Cactus Wren, a species of special concern. Two (2) acres at Crystal Cove State Park shall be restored with 50 large cacti, 140 non-rooted cactus limb segments, and 1,885 pads. Any growth of non-native species will be controlled with targeted herbicide applications as needed for two years following the initial project installation.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation
NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Orange Coast District with the Nature Reserve of Orange County "NROC")

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 **Section:** 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land (b)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. The project is exempt under CEQA §15304–Minor Alterations to Land as "New gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping." The Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4). Additionally, the action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CCR §15300.4 as a "Resource Management Project" to protect, restore, or enhance rare, threatened or endangered species and their habitat.

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